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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Watch
how you
handle the FREE
STC Bike Stickers - they're
wheely hot!. Time to put
the brakes on and settle
down to what's happening inside
this issue...

First off is part three of **Roots**. Sonic
and the Chaotix crew have been captured by the
swamp creature known as Root who's trying to gain
control of their minds.

Next off the block, Amy and Tekno find
themselves stranded in space in the middle of a
prison spaceship! Find out who's pulling the strings

in **Day of the Puppets!**

Onto the third red-hot installment of
The Take-over which finds Knuckles trapped
inside an ancient tunnel system on the Floating
Island. Can he save the Chaos Emeralds from being
stolen? You know what to do!

I think it's time STC featured another
competition don't you? Well, thanks to Walkers'
Snacks, four lucky humes will win a cool Kit Prize
worth £160.00 each in the **Walkers Cheetos
Competition**.

As if all that isn't enough, **Girl Trouble**
rewinds to when Amy was Amy Rose. Find out why
she was once a frilly thorn in Sonic's side!

Remember, that your own artwork also
gets the chance to shine when the **Graphic Zone**
tunes into Sega Power! See you in a funky fortnight,
Boomers!

Megadroid

NEXT ISSUE



NEW COMPLETE TAILS STORY!
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THRILLING CONCLUSIONS

SONIC GETS TO THE ROOT CAUSE!

KNUCKLES SHOCK COLLAR!

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CLASSIC COMIC: **PIRATES OF THE MYSTIC CAVE!**

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SONIC

ROOTS

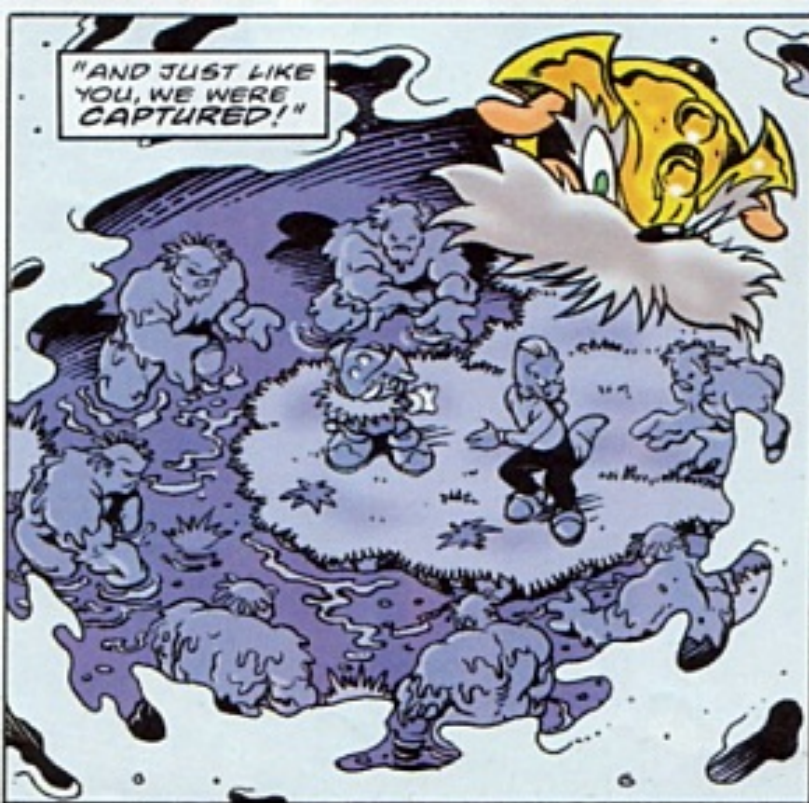
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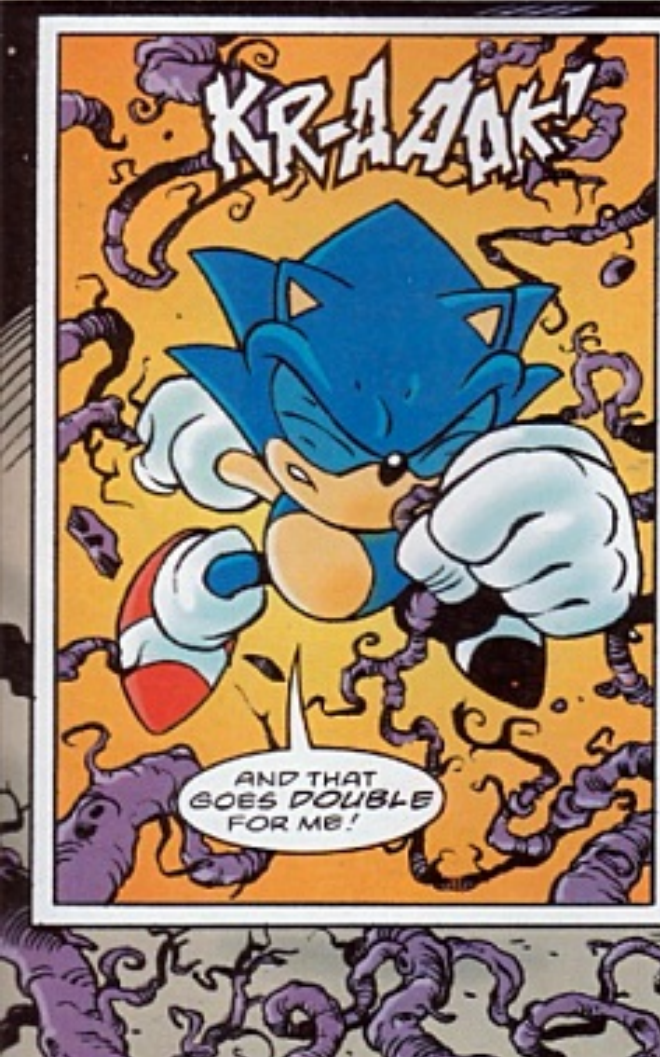
SONIC AND CHAOTIX HAVE
BEEN CAPTURED BY THE
MYSTERIOUS SWAMP CREATURE
KNOWN AS ROOT.


YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO GET AWAY
WITH THIS! NOBODY CAN
KEEP SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG CAPTIVE
FOR LONG!

I DON'T INTEND
TO TRY. IN A MOMENT
I WILL RELEASE YOU AND YOU
WILL BE MY WILLING
SLAVES!










SO SPILL IT,
WHAT'S THIS 'MASTER
PLAN'?


I WILL HAPPILY
TELL YOU... IT WILL MAKE
NO DIFFERENCE,
AFTER ALL!

THIS VIAL CONTAINS
A SPECIAL CHEMICAL.
A CHEMICAL THAT WILL ALTER THE
ENTIRE PLANET, STARTING WITH
NEW TEK CITY!

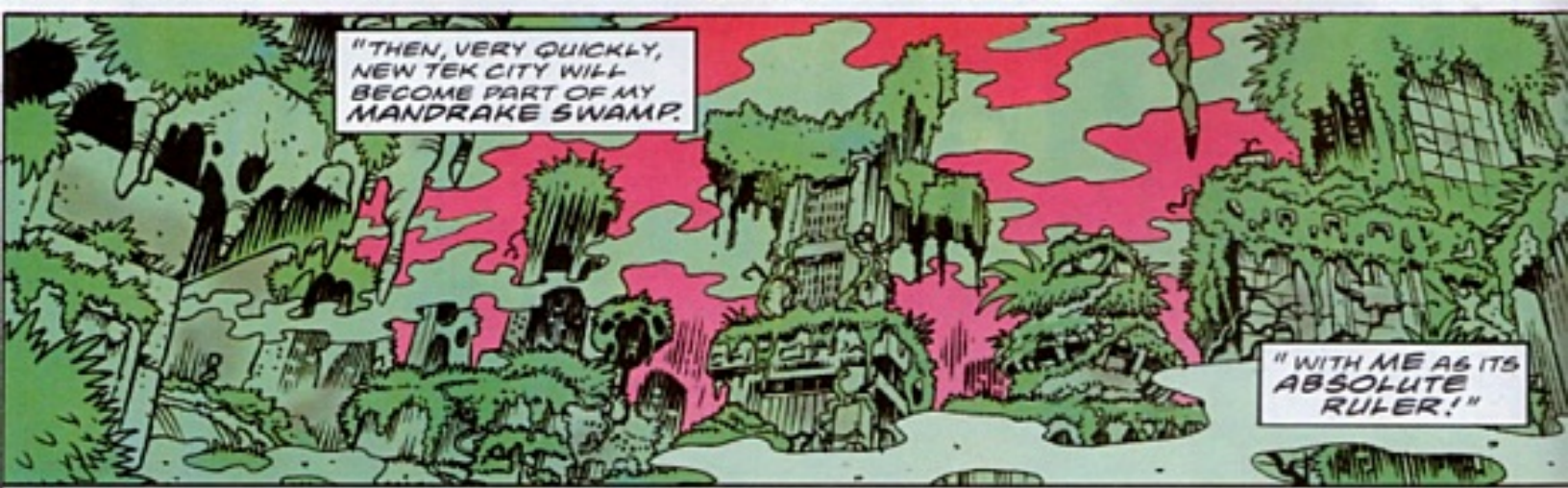
ALTER IT! HOW?



YOU WILL
EACH TAKE A
VIAL TO FIVE
DIFFERENT
DISTRICTS OF
NEW TEK
CITY.



THERE YOU
WILL EMPTY THE
CONTENTS INTO THE
CITY'S SEWER
SYSTEMS.



"THEN, VERY QUICKLY,
NEW TEK CITY WILL
BECOME PART OF MY
MANDRAKE SWAMP.

"WITH ME AS ITS
ABSOLUTE
RULER!"

SO THAT'S WHAT BLOCKHEAD BILL WAS UP TO! ALTHOUGH HE WAS SO STUPID, HE COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT!

HEY, ARE YOU INSULTING ME?

OF COURSE HE IS, DEAR BOY!

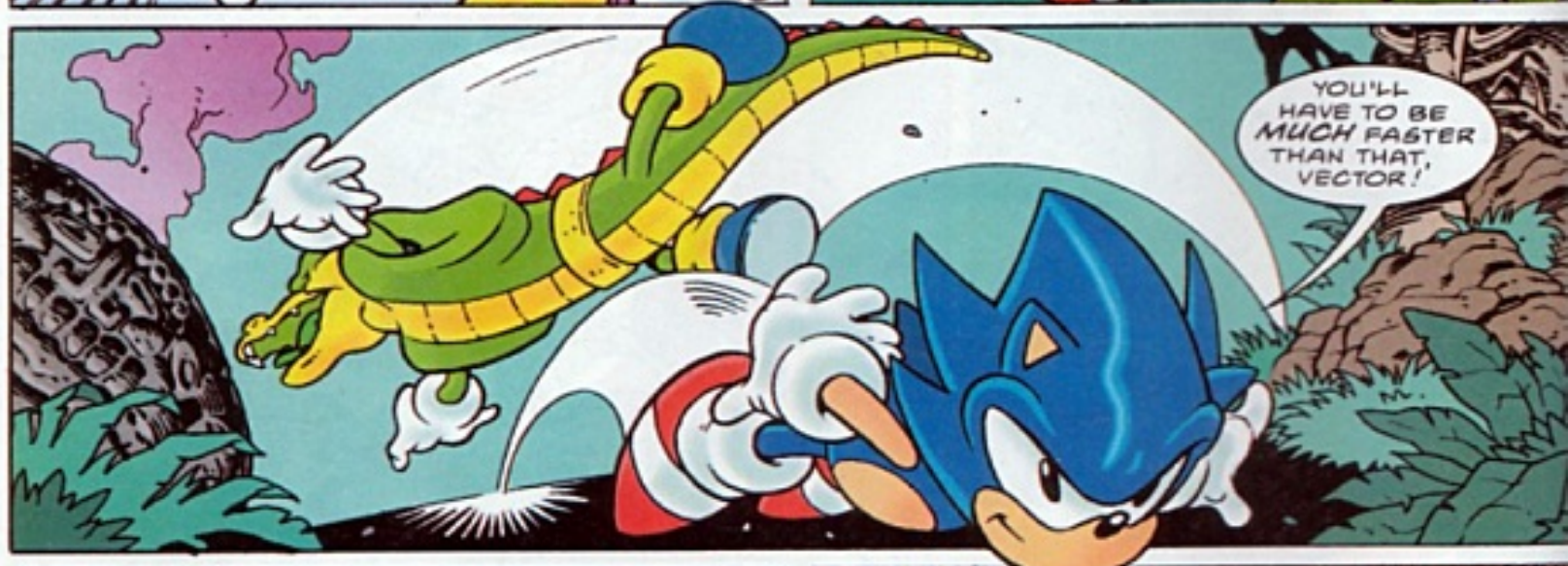


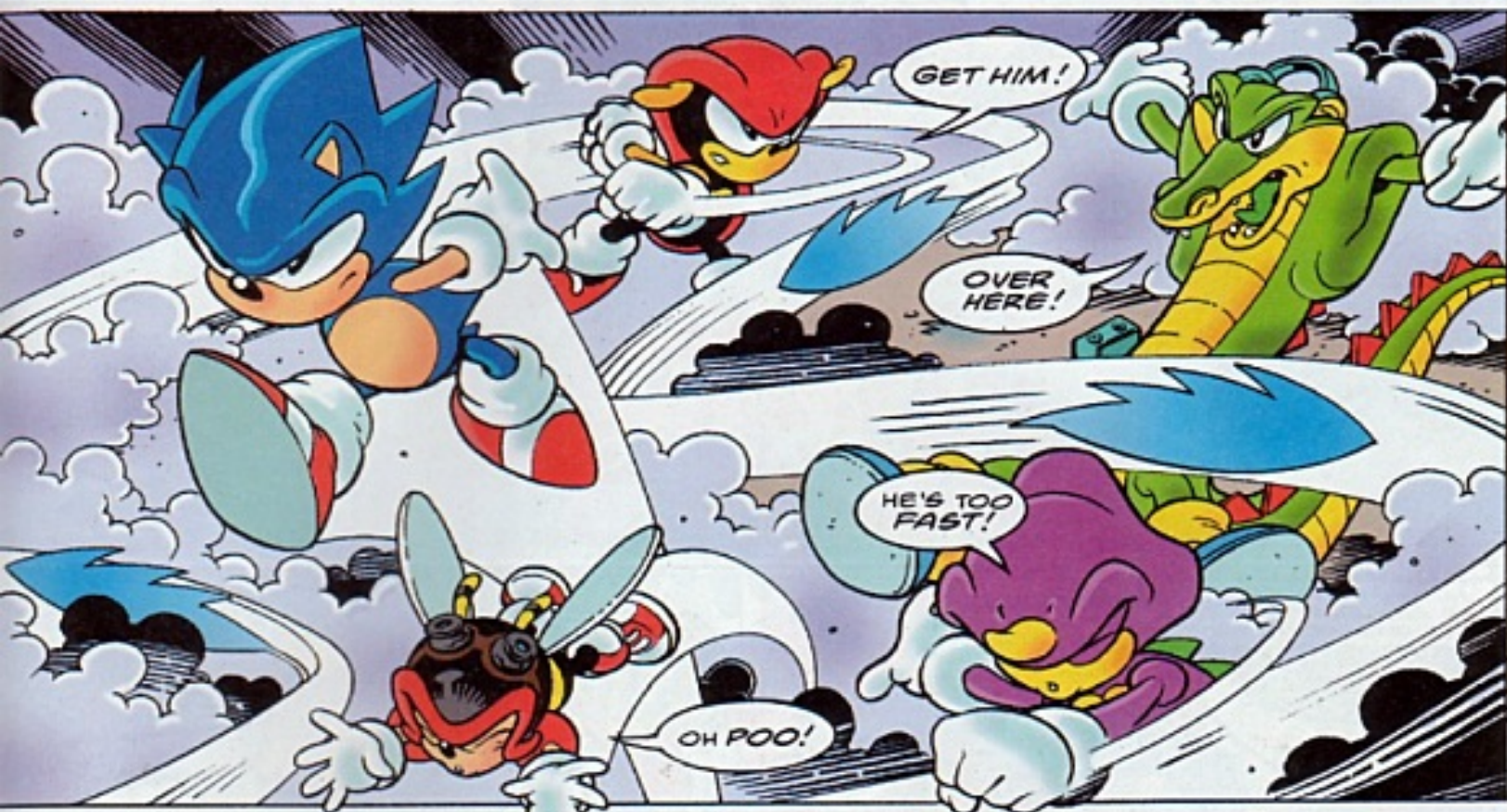
I DON'T THINK SO, SONIC. CHAOTIX, RESTRAIN THE HEDGEHOG WHILE I ATTACH THE MIND ROOT.

COME ON, GUYS, FIGHT IT! DON'T LET ROOT CONTROL YOU!



YEAH, I KNOW IT'S WRONG, BUT I JUST DON'T SEEM TO CARE!





NEXT ISSUE: SONIC V CHAOTIX!

DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND,
AN ANGRY ECHIDNA STALKS THE
ANCIENT TUNNEL SYSTEM.

KNUCKLES IS NOT HAVING
A GOOD DAY!

PART 3



THE TAKE-OVER

KNUCKLES

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: NIGEL DOBBYN • Lettering: TOM FRAME

I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD
ENOUGH OF THIS!

I GET THE FLOATING
ISLAND JUST THE WAY
I WANT IT, THEN
SOME IDIOTS TURN
UP TO STEAL THE
CHAOS EMERALDS!

THEY BREAK THROUGH
ALL THE ISLAND'S
DEFENCES AS IF THEY
WEREN'T THERE, AND
ACT LIKE THEY OWN
THE PLACE!

WELL, WHEN I GET THROUGH
WITH THEM THEY'LL WISH
THEY'D NEVER HEARD OF THE
CHAOS EMERALDS!

MEANWHILE ON THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND MS ALPHA, MR BETA, MR GAMMA AND MR DELTA HAVE ENCOUNTERED A SLIGHT PROBLEM...

THE ISLAND'S ROBOT GUARDIANS!

DO NOT MOVE. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, MR DELTA? YOU SAID YOU COULD DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS!

I'M WORKING ON IT... I JUST NEED A LITTLE LONGER!

MR BETA, BUY US SOME TIME!

RIGHT!

FAZ-ZAKK!

TIME'S UP, MR DELTA... I WANT YOUR ANSWER... NOW!

I'M SCANNING THE ROBOTS' FREQUENCY RIGHT NOW... GOT IT! SET YOUR CHAMELEON CIRCUITS TO 275!

YOU WERE WARNED! NOW WE MUST TAKE DIRECT ACTION!

SWAKK!



INTRUDERS HAVE ESCAPED. SENSORS SHOW NO SIGN OF THEM.

IT WORKED! THE CHAMELEON CIRCUITS MEAN THE ROBOTS CAN'T SEE OR HEAR US!



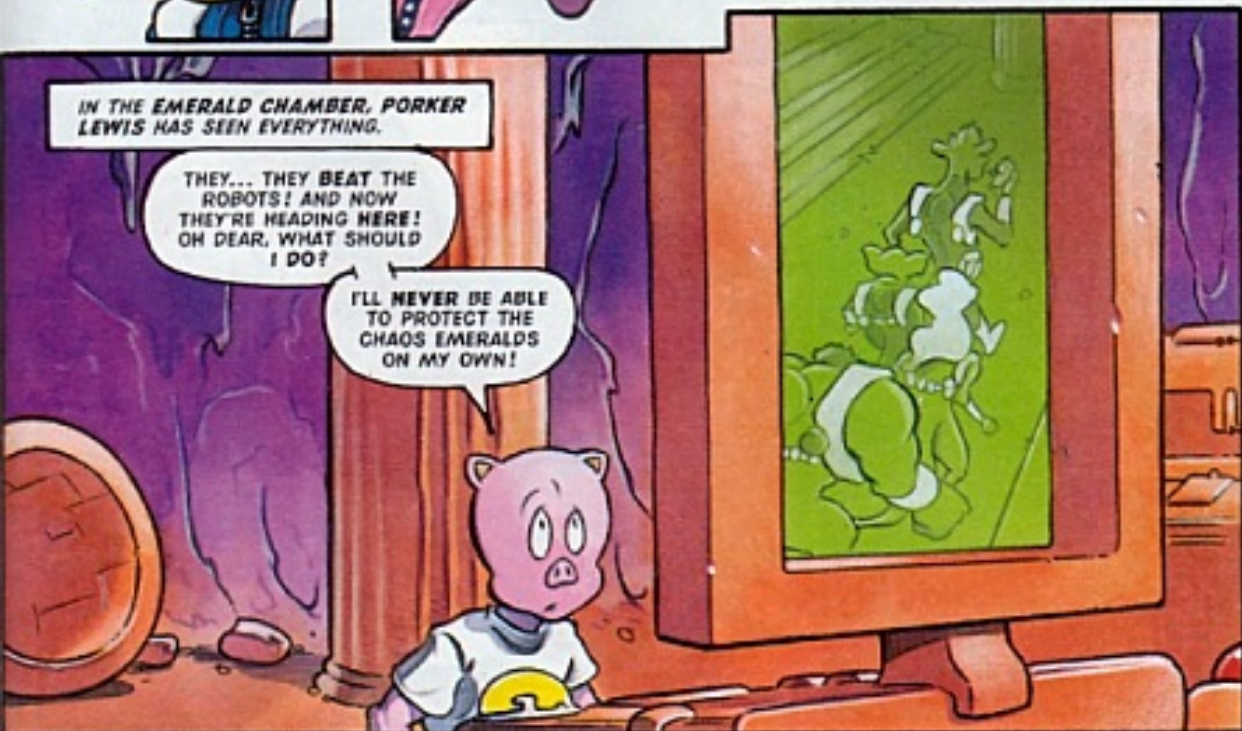
MY DEVICES ALWAYS WORK, MR GAMMA!

WE CAN CONGRATULATE OURSELVES LATER... RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



THE TUNNEL WE NEED BEGINS IN THIS PYRAMID... ARE WE STILL ON SCHEDULE, MR GAMMA?

WE SHOULD REACH OUR OBJECTIVE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, MS ALPHA!



IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, PORKER LEWIS HAS SEEN EVERYTHING.

THEY... THEY BEAT THE ROBOTS! AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING HERE! OH DEAR, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE CHAOS EMERALDS ON MY OWN!



IF ONLY KNUCKLES WERE HERE!



UNLESS I'VE MADE
A WRONG TURN,
THE EMERALD
CHAMBER SHOULD
BE JUST...

HEY, DID I JUST
HEAR A VOICE?



WE'RE ALMOST THERE...
JUST AROUND THIS
NEXT...



HI GUYS. IF YOU'D WANTED A TOUR
OF THE FLOATING ISLAND'S TUNNEL
SYSTEM, YOU ONLY HAD TO ASK...

KNUCKLES?



EXCEPT YOU'RE NOT
TOURISTS ARE YOU?
YOU'RE CRIMINALS!

MR BETA...
PLEASE DEAL
WITH THIS
BOTHERSOME
ECHIDNA.



YEAH, I REMEMBER
YOU... YOU'RE THE
MUSCLE, RIGHT?

RIGHT!



FAP!

I WAS
CAUGHT OFF
GUARD LAST
TIME...



NEXT ISSUE: **KNUCKLES DEFEATED?**

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SEGA POWER

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POST DELIVERY, AS EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO
GETS THEIR WORK PRINTED IN SONIC THE COMIC
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HEDGEHOG DIGITAL WATCH.

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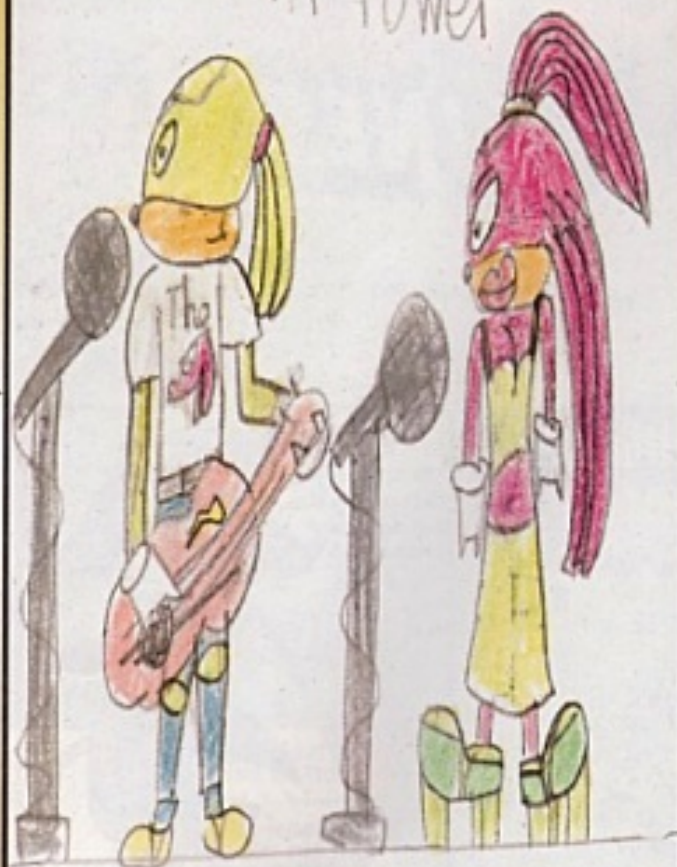
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ON BOARD THE SPACESHIP PRISON, ASTRATRAZ,
A BREAKOUT IS TAKING PLACE...

GET
HELP! THE
PUPPETS ARE
LOOSE!

DESTROY
ALL FLESHY
FOLK! GUGGETS
RULE O.K.!

DAY OF THE PUPPETS

Script: LEO STROGANER E.B. & W. with CARL PLATT Colors: JOHN W. BROWN Lettering: RUPERT HILL

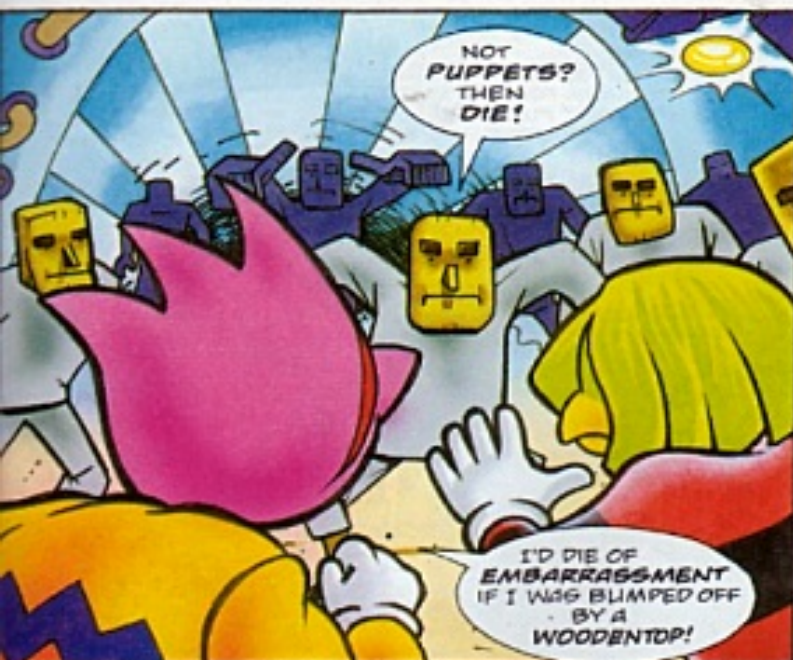
...NOT THE BEST DESTINATION
FOR AMY AND TEKNO ON THEIR
INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELS!

WHERE
ARE WE THIS
TIME?

IN
DANGER, AS
USUAL!

HALT!
WHAT KIND OF
PUPPETS ARE
YOU TWO?

WE
PULL OUR
OWN STRINGS,
PAL!





LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE TRAVELLERS! DO YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?

WE WERE TRANSPORTING THE **CRIMINAL PUPPETS** TO A PRISON PLANET WHEN THEY BROKE FREE AND TOOK OVER!



BUT HOW CAN THOSE WOODEN-HEADS THINK FOR THEMSELVES? PUPPETS NEED PUPPETEERS, RIGHT?

NOT WITH **INTELLIGENCE CHIPS** IN THEIR WOODGRAIN! WE NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D TURN AGAINST US, THOUGH!



NOW THEY WANT TO USE THIS SHIP TO **INVADE A PLANET!**

PROBLEM FOR THEM IS THEY THREW THE PILOT OVERBOARD! WE'RE **STRANDED IN SPACE!**

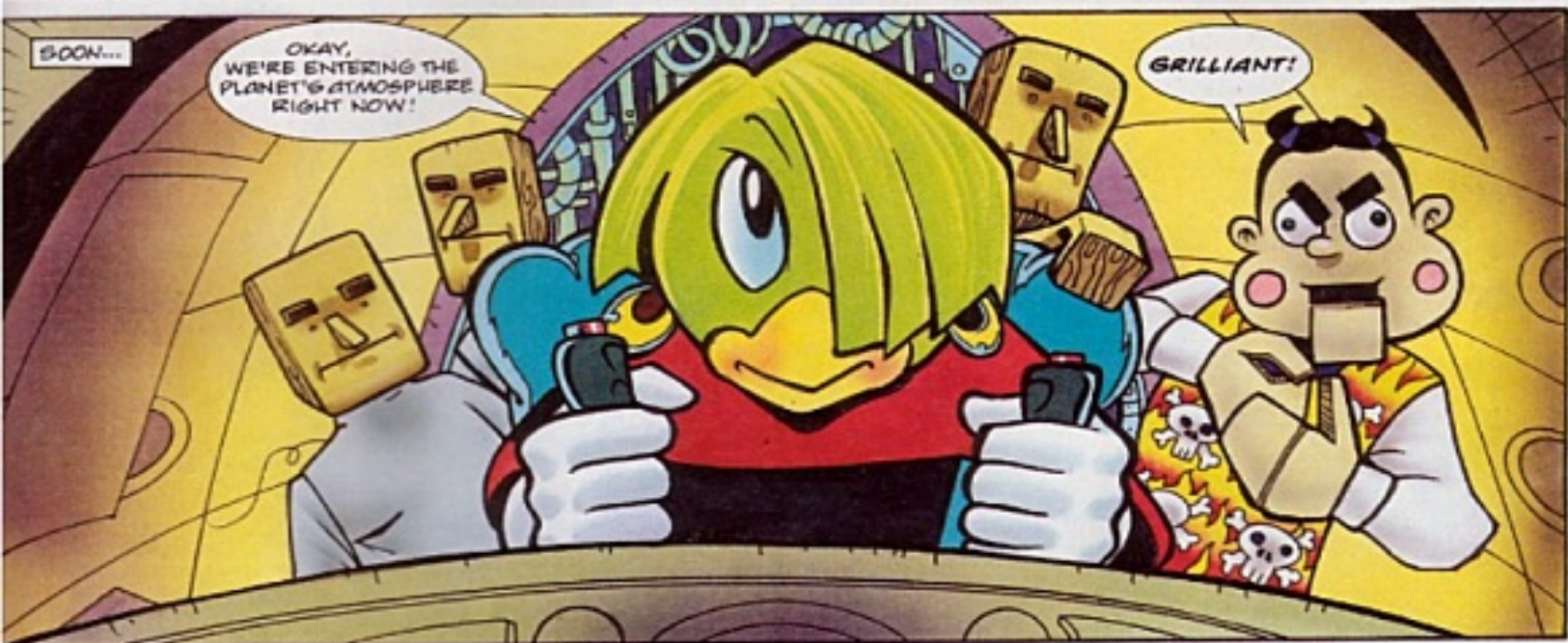


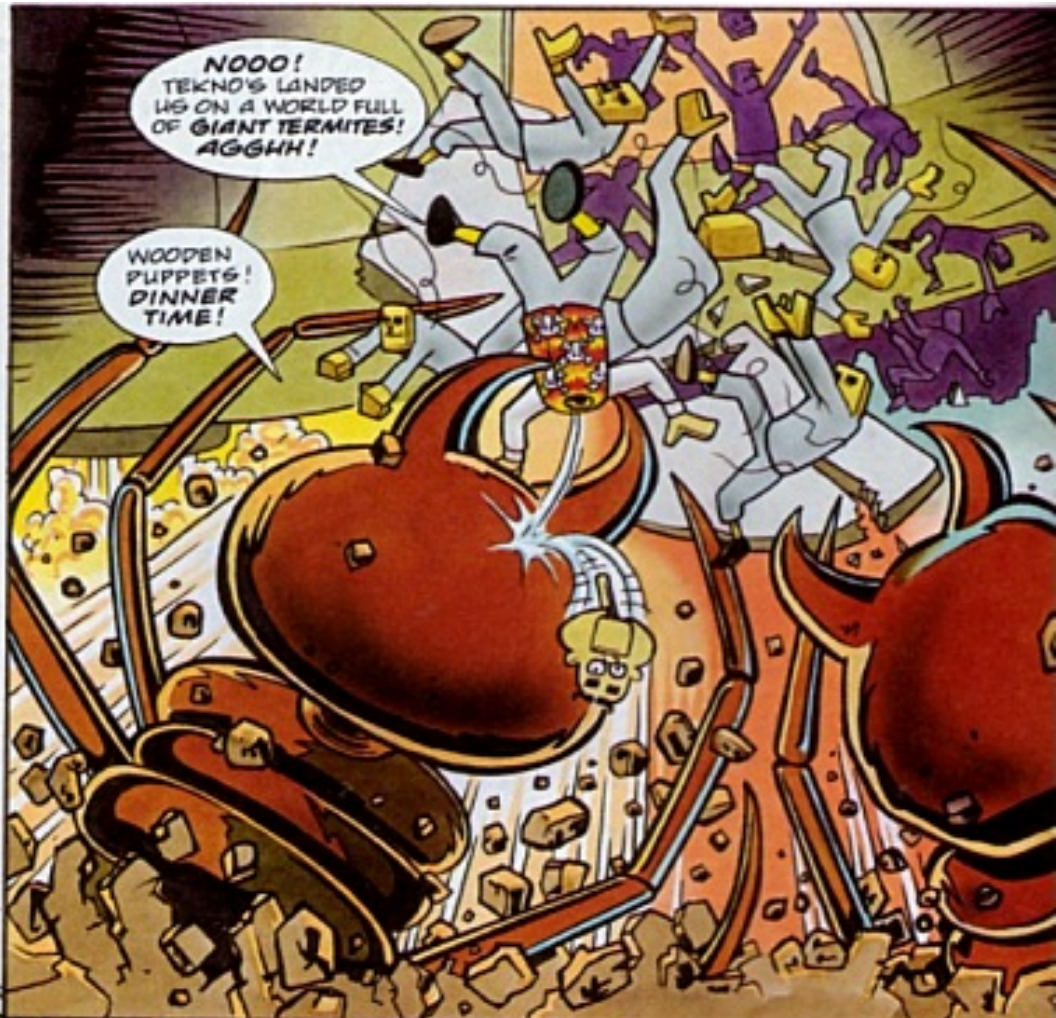
YOU'RE QUIET, TEKNO!

HAMM... I'VE BEEN STUDYING THIS PLANETARY CHART!



HEY! PUPPETS! NEED A PILOT? I'LL FLY THIS SHIP TO A PLANET YOU CAN **INVADE!**





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LIFE SAVER

Dear STC,

I'm obsessed with art and I draw anything and everything and since a certain game was released years ago, I've made drawing Sonic and co one of my specialities (I had intended to send you some artwork, but then I remembered those nightmare things called GCSE's!).

Anyway, I was wondering, why the change to some of the strip colouring on computer? It still looks good - I'm just curious! Also, any tips on how to draw Grimer as I'll be illustrating a friend's comic soon.

Lastly, congrats on keeping teenagers like myself sane for the past five years since I've had to put up with comprehensive school!

Abby (Long Term Fan).
Please send in name and address.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.



The change to computer colouring came about as painted artwork can be much more time consuming, Abby. Artist Richard Elson says that he imagines Grimer's


head as a large triangle, with his cheekbones as inverted triangles. Another suggestion is that you "get into the mind of the character", so in Grimer's case, think like a toady, slimy little wormbag and you're half-way there! You can pick up a few more tips in STC 139 which features 'Whatever Happened to Grimer'.

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Dear Megadroid,

I've been reading through old issues and discovered back in Issue 89, a viewpoint on swearing by Boomer Gavin Jackson.

Gavin commented that you don't print swearwords. Well, as most readers are kids like me, I would guess that you can't print them even if you wanted to! If parents find out that there's swearing in the comic, they might think that it's too violent, or they might even ban their child from buying it, and then STC would lose profit - so I say keep the bad words OUT!

 **Drew Smith,**
Longfield, Kent.
GG, MD & Saturn owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.



You may have noticed Drew, STC already turns the atmosphere a special shade of blue whenever Sonic appears!



Those holidays are gone, No more lounging in the sun!

Richard Ash,
King's Langley, Herts.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Sam Hill,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
Enamel Badge
Prize winner.



RIVAL PUBLICATION

Dear Megadroid,

A while ago my sister also started getting into STC as well. Because of this, I made my own version for her instead and charged her 10p a copy! So far I've made 66, for which she's very pleased with. Anyway, it's almost my comic's second anniversary issue and I'll send one to you for FREE. I have to sign off now as I want to finish my comic which is due on sale tomorrow! Bye!

John Laird,
Ceredigion, Wales.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.



Very professional, John - but making a profit out of your own flesh and blood... That's something you'll never be able to do with me!



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